The President Has Missed Over Half His Second-Term Daily Intel Briefings

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A new Government Accountability Institute (GAI) report reveals that President Barack Obama has attended only 42.1% of his daily intelligence briefings (known officially as the Presidential Daily Brief, or PDB) in the 2,079 days of his presidency through September 29, 2014.

The GAI report also included a breakdown of Obama's PDB attendance record between terms; he attended 42.4% of his PDBs in his first term and 41.3% in his second.

The GAI's alarming findings come on the heels of Obama's *60 Minutes* comments on Sunday, wherein the president laid the blame for the Islamic State's (ISIS) rapid rise squarely at the feet of his Director of National Intelligence James Clapper.

"I think our head of the intelligence community, Jim Clapper, has acknowledged that I think they underestimated what had been taking place in Syria," said Obama.

According to Daily Beast reporter Eli Lake, members of the Defense establishment were "flabbergasted" by Obama's attempt to shift blame.

"Either the president doesn't read the intelligence he's getting or he's bullshitting," a former senior

Pentagon official "who worked closely on the threat posed by Sunni jihadists in Syria and Iraq" told the Daily Beast.

On Monday, others in the intelligence community similarly blasted Obama and said he's shown longstanding disinterest in receiving live, in-person PDBs that allow the Commander-in-Chief the chance for critical followup, feedback, questions, and the challenging of flawed intelligence assumptions.

"It's pretty well-known that the president hasn't taken in-person intelligence briefings with any regularity since the early days of 2009," an Obama national security staffer told the *Daily Mail* on Monday. "He gets them in writing."

The Obama security staffer said the president's PDBs have contained detailed threat warnings about the Islamic State dating back to before the 2012 presidential election.

"Unless someone very senior has been shredding the president's daily briefings and telling him that the dog ate them, highly accurate predictions about ISIL have been showing up in the Oval Office since before the 2012 election," the Obama security staffer told the *Daily Mail*.

This is not the first time questions have been raised about Obama's lack of engagement and interest in receiving in-person daily intelligence briefings. On September 10, 2012, the GAI released a similar report showing that Obama had attended less than half (43.8%) of his daily intelligence briefings up to that point. When *Washington Post* columnist Marc Thiessen mentioned the GAI's findings in his column, then-White House Press Secretary Jay Carney dubbed the findings "hilarious." The very next day, U.S. Libyan Ambassador Chris Stevens and three American staff members were murdered in Benghazi. As Breitbart News reported at the time, the White House's very own presidential calendar revealed Obama had not received his daily intel briefing in the five consecutive days leading up to the Benghazi attacks.

Ultimately, as ABC News reported, the White House did not directly dispute the GAI's numbers but instead said Obama prefers to read his PDB on his iPad instead of receiving the all-important live, in-person briefings.

Now, with ISIS controlling over 35,000 square miles of territory in its widening caliphate in Iraq and Syria, and with Obama pointing fingers at his own Director of National Intelligence James Clapper for

the rise of ISIS, the question remains whether a 42% attendance record on daily intelligence briefings is good enough for most Americans.

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"Reporter" Who Broke Propaganda Piece "Justifying" Bombing Syria Clears His Stories with CIA Before Publishing

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A Stooge for the CIA?

We recently pointed out that the immediate "justification" for the U.S. bombing of Syria – the "Khorasans" – is as fake as the Kardashians' physique.

Glenn Greenwald, Murtaza Hussain and Justin Raimondo have written must-read stories proving that we were right.

And Democracy Now – interviewing Hussain – notes that the same "reporter" who broke the "story" of the Khorasan "threat" was recently busted for clearing his stories in advance with the CIA:

> **MURTAZA HUSSAIN:** … It was interesting that **Ken Dilanian** reported the story first in the Associated Press, saying that this was a new threat and a new group, and he was one of the first people to break the story afterwards saying that U.S. officials are now adding more "nuance," is the word he used, to their previous warnings about the group. So, it was kind

of a really egregious case of media spin, whereby the media had taken up this narrative of a threat from a new terrorist, and then, after the strikes had been conducted which justified this group, they immediately took the opposite tack, saying that in fact there was no threat that was imminent and the group itself did not exist per se. So, it was really quite a failure of the media, which we've seen several times in the past, as well.

AMY GOODMAN: You mentioned **Ken Dilanian** of AP. Now, Intercept just put out another story, "The CIA's Mop-Up Man: L.A. Times Reporter Cleared Stories with Agency Before Publication." Ken Silverstein writes, **"A prominent national security reporter for the Los Angeles Times routinely submitted drafts and detailed summaries of his stories to CIA press handlers prior to publication**, according to documents obtained by The Intercept." He goes on to say, **"Email exchanges between CIA public affairs officers and Ken Dilanian, now an Associated Press intelligence reporter who previously covered the CIA for the Times, show that Dilanian enjoyed a closely collaborative relationship with the agency, explicitly promising positive news coverage and sometimes sending the press office entire story drafts for review prior to publication. In at least one instance, the CIA's reaction appears to have led to significant changes in the story that was eventually published** in the [Los Angeles] Times.

Indeed, American media is always pro-war.

And an official summary of America's overthrow of the democratically-elected president of Iran in the 1950′s states, "In cooperation with the Department of State, CIA had several articles planted in major***American*** newspapers and magazines which, when reproduced in Iran, had the desired psychological effect in Iran and contributed to the war of nerves against Mossadeq" (page x).

Indeed, famed Watergate reporter Carl Bernstein says the CIA has already bought and paid for many successful journalists. See also this New York Times piece, this essay by the Independent, this speech by one of the premier writers on journalism, and this and this roundup.

And given that the ban against *domestic* propaganda has now been repealed, more extreme and blatantpropaganda will likely be deployed against the American public.

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